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**For:** TONNEAU COVER APPARATUS  
HAVING A REAR BAR LOCK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

20 Mail Stop Patent Application  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

25 The present application is a Continuation Application Under 37CFR§1.53(b)(1).

Prior to the first substantive Office Action for the present application, please amend the  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 19 of this paper.

30 **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 37 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract of the Invention** begin on page 38 of this  
paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 39 of this paper.